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USSR: Shakeup of Security Organizations

*General Secretary Andropov will gain increased control over the entire security apparatus as a result of changes in the leadership of the KGB and the Ministry of Internal Affairs.*

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TASS announced yesterday that KGB Chairman Fedorchuk is replacing MVD chief Shchelokov. In turn, KGB First Deputy Chairman Chebrikov is taking over from Fedorchuk.

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Comment: Shchelokov--one of Brezhnev's proteges--had long been rumored to be in conflict with the KGB, which Andropov headed until last May. The MVD suffered a major political embarrassment last spring, when KGB-inspired reports implicated Brezhnev's daughter, who is married to MVD First Deputy Chairman Churbanov, in a corruption scandal. Churbanov probably will be the next to go.

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Andropov is likely to rely on Fedorchuk, who has used repressive measures in dealing with dissidents, to improve discipline in the corruption-plagued MVD. Fedorchuk's appointment emphasizes the primacy of the KGB over the MVD.

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Fedorchuk reportedly served with Andropov in Hungary in the 1950s. Chebrikov came to the KGB in 1967 and, since then, has been closely associated with Andropov. After advancing rapidly in the KGB, he was promoted to First Deputy Chairman last April, at a time when Andropov's influence in the leadership was growing.

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The appointments also reinforce other evidence of cooperation between Andropov and Ukrainian party boss Shcherbitskiy. Both Fedorchuk and Chebrikov worked for Shcherbitskiy in the Ukraine, and Shcherbitskiy is said to have joined forces with Andropov in promoting Fedorchuk's candidacy for the top KGB job last spring.

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The KGB chairmanship carries the potential for Politburo membership. Chebrikov, unlike Fedorchuk, is not a career KGB official and is already a Central Committee member. Andropov may have preferred to have Chebrikov in the more important KGB post because he believed Chebrikov's greater political stature would make it easier to put him on the Politburo at some future date.

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USSR: Publicity for Politburo Meetings

*Coverage given by Soviet media to two recent Politburo meetings represents a change in policy that could serve several political purposes.* [redacted]

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Radio Moscow announced on Thursday that a regular meeting of the Politburo had heard reports on arms control talks, approved the results of Premier Tikhonov's visit to Finland, and taken action on a proposal for improving the servicing of private automobiles. This is the second time since General Secretary Andropov took office that the media have reported a Politburo meeting and its agenda. Last week it was revealed that the Politburo had met to consider the need for greater official attention to letters from citizens. [redacted]

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Comment: Disclosures of the times of Politburo meetings and the subjects discussed have been rare, and a change in policy appears to be under way. The decision to release this information may be an effort by the Politburo to ensure the continuation of collective decisionmaking, including the approval of Andropov's initiatives. It is consistent with the more open style of decisionmaking advocated by Politburo member Chernenko. [redacted]

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The publicity also may be intended to encourage similar publicity for bureau meetings at the regional level, in order to increase pressure on lower level officials to improve their performance. The leadership may want to create an atmosphere conducive to public criticism of incompetent or corrupt officials as a way to lay the groundwork for personnel changes. In addition, it may be trying to demonstrate to the Soviet people that it is striving to remedy problems and address national needs. [redacted]

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LEBANON: Security Challenges

*Concern is growing among Christians other than Phalangists and among other factions that the drive by Phalange militia extremists to secure control of the mountain districts southeast of Beirut will impede efforts to restore internal order.*

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The US Embassy reports that the leaders of the militia are determined to force a showdown with the Druze inhabitants to establish overall political dominance of the region. The Phalange leaders assert that they are protecting Christians returning to homes in Druze-controlled areas that they evacuated during the civil war. The largely Phalange-initiated violence, however, has resulted in a new exodus of Christians from the area.

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Many non-Phalange Christians claim that the extremists have caused many Christian casualties and intensified intercommunal enmity to the point that Druze and Christians may never be able to live in harmony. Former President Shamun and other Christian spokesmen are calling for an end to military action and a return to political efforts to extend Christian influence in the region.

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Comment: Despite efforts by the Israelis to prevent new clashes, the Lebanese Government continues to accuse them of stirring up strife between Druze and Christians in the troubled districts. It insists that the deployment of the Lebanese Army into the area in place of Israeli troops would restore order. The extremists in the Phalange militia, however, probably would try to delay a movement of Lebanese troops into the area following an Israeli withdrawal in order to launch a major offensive against the Druze.

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USSR: Attempt To Intercept US Aircraft

Two Forger vertical takeoff aircraft from the carrier Minsk, which is operating in the Arabian Sea, reacted to three US aircraft from the USS Enterprise this week. The Forgers, which were armed with AA-8 air-to-air missiles, tailed the US aircraft as they circled the Minsk. The US pilots say that the Soviet pilots were aggressive in trying to intercept, but their lack of training in such a maneuver was evident. [REDACTED]

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Comment: Forgers have reacted to the approach of US aircraft before, but this is the first time that they have been noted armed with air-to-air missiles. [REDACTED]

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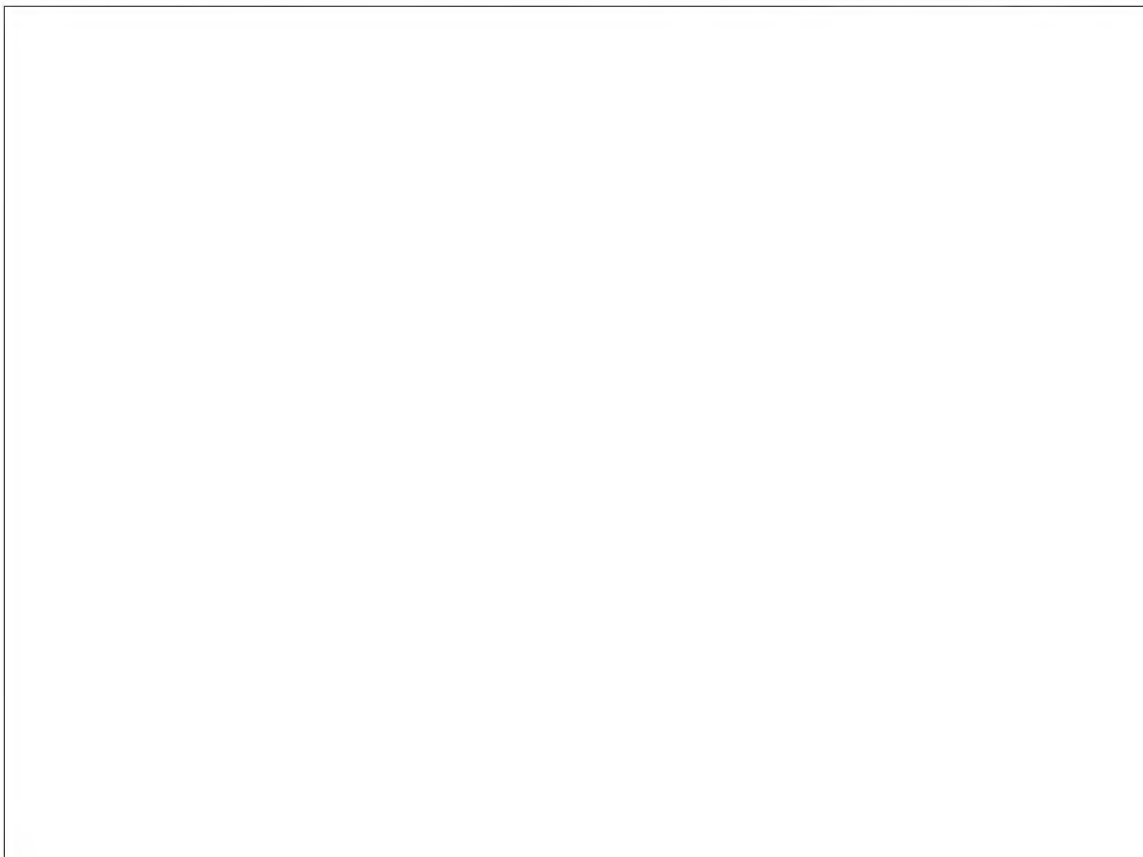
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POLAND: Harassment of Former Internees

The authorities are putting strong pressure on recently released internees. One former internee convicted of a martial law offense has been given one year to arrange his emigration, and, if he does not, he will be required to serve his sentence. The US Consulate in Krakow reports numerous incidents of harassment of former internees, including firings, demotions, military induction, and pressure to collaborate with the government. One recently released activist told the Consulate that the regime plans to launch a review next month of the work force at the Katowice steel mill to weed out former internees. [REDACTED]

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Comment: The government probably recognizes that it will have to continue its pressure tactics to try to keep in line the many former internees who refuse to leave the country. These efforts may be effective in the short term, but continued persecution could eventually rekindle worker anger, particularly if Premier Jaruzelski tries to employ it on a broad scale. [REDACTED]

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